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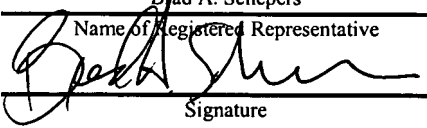
In re patent application of:	)	Before the Examiner:
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INTERBODY FUSION GRAFTS	)	June 6, 2007
AND INSTRUMENTATION	)	

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION (WITH RCE)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 9, 2007, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Remitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the requisite fee in the amount of \$790.00. Please charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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